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One goal of this issue of the Newsletter is to inform our community of the upcoming business meetings. The first part of the *Newsletter* will be broken down into 3 main sections – the **Annual School Meeting**, the **Town Elections**, and the **Town Meeting**. Within each of these you will find relevant information such as summaries of warrant articles, candidate statements, articles from various Town Boards, and Letters to the Editor. The *Moderator's Rules* which guide the School and Town Meetings can be found on page 22. The remainder of this issue contains the customary articles and updates about the daily life of the town.

Annual Business Meetings: Everyone is Urged to Attend

At some meetings monetary decisions which impact taxes are made by the votes of those present. If you do not participate, you are forfeiting your rights and denying others the benefit of your thoughts. Taken together, these sessions determine not only what taxes will be, but also set initiatives which will define Brentwood's future character and infrastructure. **We say it every year: please be a part of this important process.**

Date and Time	Location	Event	What Happens
Friday, March 6 6:00 pm	Swasey Central School	School District Meeting	Discuss and vote on Swasey budget and various school warrant articles. Changes can be made.
Tuesday, March 10 8:00 am - 7:00 pm	Brentwood Community Center	Brentwood Town Elections	Voting for various Town, Cooperative School District and Swasey School District positions. Vote on Cooperative School District budget. Vote on all zoning changes.
Saturday, March 14 9:00 am	Swasey Central School	Town Meeting	Discuss and vote on the various articles of the town warrant. Changes can be made. Swearing in of new town officials.

2015 Town Report Available March 3

The Town Meeting warrant articles, as well as the School District warrant articles, the annual reports of the town and school officers and department heads, and a great deal more, are published in the annual *Town Report*. Every household is entitled to a copy of *Town Report*. It will be available at the Town Office Building beginning March 3. Copies will also be available at the School District Meeting, at the Community Center on Election Day, and at the Town Meeting.

Karen Clement, Town Administrator

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March Recycling Dates

March 10 & 11 • March 24 & 25

Snow Safety Warning

Snow! Snow! Snow! By the time you read this, hopefully our snow issues have passed. If not, safety precautions need to be taken with snow loads, ventilation, and access to residents and businesses. If you've visited the Fire Department website you already know the signs of a heavy snow load on your roof — doors and windows not opening and closing properly, sagging ceilings, cracks in the sheet rock, and cracking noises. With one or more of these signs it's obvious you need to remove the snow from your roof quickly.

You also need to keep all sewer, exhaust and dryer vents clear from snow. Primary and secondary exits from your home need to be cleared and maintained in case of emergencies.

Always prepare for an emergency before it happens!

Kevin Lemoine, Fire Chief

Brentwood Business Card Directories in April, September and December

The *Newsletter* has always been aware that it is not easy for town residents to know what business services are available right here in town, without having to drive to Exeter, Portsmouth or elsewhere. Although we do not accept ads as such, we have published a Business Card Directory since 1983, three times a year. The price of \$20 per card per insertion is designed to make it feasible for the smallest cottage-industry as well as the larger companies. To be eligible for inclusion, a business must:

1. Be located in Brentwood **OR**
2. The owner or principle manager must be a resident of Brentwood.

The first Business Card Directory of 2015 will appear in the April *Newsletter*. Letters and sign-up forms have been mailed to many businesses, most of whom have had cards in the Directories before. If you would like to have your business represented, and it fits the criteria listed above, please contact one of us by **March 15**, and we will quickly send you the sign-up form. Sign-up is not limited to this first time of the year. You may opt later to have a card in the Directory of September, or December, or both. Feel free to contact us with any questions. The **March 15** deadline is very important for inclusion in April.

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Deadline for April Issue: Friday, March 20, 2015

E-mail your articles to newsletterbrentwood@gmail.com
or mail to Brentwood Newsletter,
18 Mohawk Lane, Brentwood, NH 03833

Business Card Directory

\$20 per insertion, available in April, September & December issues.

Business Article

\$100 half page, \$200 full page, available in any issue.

SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING: FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Those in attendance at the Annual School District Meeting will vote on 6 warrant articles (WA) associated with governing the Brentwood Swasey School. Amendments to several (but not all) of the warrant articles, including changes to monetary values, can be made at this meeting.

Following is a summary of the main school warrant articles and citizen petitions. These are intended as **general summaries** of the main articles and are not the official warrant articles. A full copy of all Brentwood School District Warrant Articles is contained in the Town Report and will be available at the School District Meeting.

WA 1: Swasey School Operating Budget. The warrant article puts forth the Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$4,718,627. The School Board recommends \$5,368,627.

WA 2: Teacher's Collective Bargaining Agreement. The warrant article puts forth the 3 year collective bargaining

agreement reached between the Brentwood School Board and the Brentwood Teachers' Association. The estimated cost of the first year of the contract is \$46,260. The Brentwood School Board recommends, the Municipal Budget Committee does not recommend.

WA 3: Citizen Petition #1. Extend the current kindergarten program to full day. Sum to be raised of \$120,000. The Brentwood School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee do not recommend.

WA 4: Citizen Petition #2. Extend the current kindergarten program by 2.5 hours. Sum to be raised of \$120,000. The Brentwood School Board and the Municipal Budget Committee do not recommend.

WA 5 and 6 are non-money articles and are always included at the end of a business meeting.

2015-16 Brentwood Budget Committee Update

The following changes or additions have been made to the Budget Committee Recommended Budget since last month:

TOWN: We voted unanimously to recommend a Warrant Article related to Bridge Repair, put forward by our Selectmen. They are asking the voters to restore \$204,471.00 left over from the Crawley Falls bridge project back to the Bridge Repair Capital Reserve Fund. This money will be used for bridge repair on Mill Road and culvert repairs on Prescott Road. No tax dollars need to be raised as this is coming from funds in surplus.

SWASEY SCHOOL: A Citizens' Petition asking voters to expand the school's current Kindergarten program to an extended day program, and to raise and appropriate \$120,000 for this purpose, was not recommended by Budget Committee. The School Board has also voted to not recommend this Warrant Article.

In spite of a snow cancellation, and even more snow on the day of the event, we had a record turnout of interested parties at the annual Budget Hearing, held at the Brentwood Recreation Center on February 12th. Almost 30 parents, teachers, School Board members and school personnel spoke on behalf of Swasey School, its faculty and its strong presence in the community. Since we usually are lucky to have five attendees, it was great to see so much interest this year. It was brought to my attention that parties who were there to speak on topics other than the school never made it to the podium, and we hope you will give them your full attention at Town Meeting. I also want to send out a special thank you

to the Brentwood Recreation Department and our Brentwood PD: they helped insure a warm and safe environment for our meeting.

We finalized our budget and hope to see you at Swasey School on **Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm**, and on **Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am** at your two MEETINGS. I want to remind you that you will see our RECOMMENDATIONS on all appropriation items on the School and Town warrants. Appropriation = this will cost you more tax dollars. I will be available to explain how much. The decision to say yes or no to that expense will be up to the registered voters who attend those two meetings.

Come to your meetings and vote!

Elyse G. Seeley

Chair of the Brentwood Budget Committee

Bake Sale on Election Day

The Brentwood Historical Society will have a Bake Sale table at the Community Center on Election Day, **March 10**, from 8:00 am until sellout. This is one of the primary methods of fundraising for the group. Members, town residents and friends in the area who generously contribute **home-baked items** add greatly to the appeal of this popular table. The Historical Society is very grateful for their support. For more information call Alma Vahey, president, at 679-8635.

Swasey Central School 2015-2016 Budget Overview

The Brentwood School District meeting will be held at 6:00 pm, on **Friday March 6, 2015** in the Swasey Central School gymnasium. The Brentwood School Board is responsible for preparing a budget to cover all of the expenses incurred at the Swasey Central School to meet the educational needs of the students as well as taking into consideration the financial capabilities of the taxpayers of Brentwood. We are asking voters to support the School Board recommended \$5,368,627 operating budget for the 2015-16 school year. This is a decrease of \$86,477 or 1.6% decrease from last year's budget. The major part of the reduction is the elimination of one classroom teacher due to declining enrollment.

We are also asking for your support on Warrant Article #2 which is associated with a new three year teacher contract. The new contract provides for a 2.25% salary increase for each of the first two years and 2.00% for the third year. The new contract also includes a change to the insurance benefits which increases the copay to the teachers and reduces the yearly premiums. The teachers will also be increasing their contribution percentage by 2% over a three year period.

The Brentwood School Board is very proud that the Swasey Central School has such a respected reputation in the seacoast area. It is our mission to maintain this high quality education that is so important to our students and in maintaining property values.

The School Board would appreciate your support of the budget and the contract that will be put forward to the voters on Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm.

Dianne Vosgien, Brentwood School Board Chair

School Voting in Brentwood

Brentwood has a **Town Meeting** and a **School District Meeting** form of government. This means that registered voters who are present at the meetings get to vote. The **School Meeting** is on **Friday, March 6 this year at 6:00 pm**, and the **Town Meeting** is on **Saturday, March 14 at 9:00 am**. Both are held at Swasey.

We vote for people and the Co-op school budget at the polls on **March 10**. The polls are open from **8:00 am - 7:00 pm at the Brentwood Rec Center**. (It should be noted that the proposed budget is less than the default budget this year).

Voting at the **School District Meeting**: On March 6, if the Budget Committee's budget for Swasey (currently \$4,718,627) goes before the voters, then the maximum that the voters can approve is a 10% formula above that number. The school board is recommending a budget of \$5,368,627 (a 1.6% decrease from this year). There is no default budget at the local school district meeting. Voters will approve a budget number by a majority of registered voters in the meeting. Please come and be counted.

Liz Faria, on behalf of the Brentwood School Board

Show Your Support for the Swasey Teachers

- The new contract shifts the Brentwood Teachers Association (BTA) to a health care plan that is more economical for the District.
- BTA members will **double** their co-pay for office visits.
- BTA agrees to contribute an average of 2% more to the cost of their healthcare insurance premiums over the life of the contract.
- These healthcare concessions will save the district approximately \$21,300 in Year One, and savings in Year Two and Year Three are to be determined based on healthcare costs.
- Last year the Brentwood Budget Committee **recommended** a three-year contract with a 2.3% raise for each of the three years.
- This year's proposed salary increase is **less** than recommended last year: Year One, 2.25%; Year Two, 2.25%; Year Three, 2%.
- Amount to appropriate in Year One: \$46,260, which equals \$.092 per thousand on the property tax rate. This is a tax impact of \$27.00 on a \$300,000 home and \$37.00 on a \$400,000 home
- Amount to appropriate in Year Two is estimated at \$66,371, with the potential for additional health care cost savings which cannot be determined in advance.
- Amount to appropriate in Year Three is estimated at \$58,852, with the potential for additional health care cost savings which cannot be determined in advance.

Clarifications to the February 2015, page 5, of the BRENTWOOD TAX IMPACTS 2015-2016 grid put forth by the Brentwood Municipal Budget Committee

Teachers DO NOT receive \$1600-\$5000 annual bonuses as stated in this grid. This contract reflects a longevity stipend which is only available to full-time teachers who have completed ten years of service in Brentwood. This stipend is not a newly negotiated article and has been included in prior contracts. The change includes a \$100 increase to the initial \$1500 stipend that has been in place for 10 years of service. Under the tentative agreement the newly imposed cap went from \$3300 to \$4000. There is currently **one** teacher who is grandfathered in with at \$5000 cap. **Teachers need to be consecutively employed by the Brentwood School District for 27 years to reach this newly negotiated \$4000 cap.** Currently, less than 50% of the teachers receive this stipend. "Benefits changes" stated on the grid, are economically favorable to the district.

Amy Mitchell, on behalf of the Brentwood School Board

Warrant Article	AMOUNT	Tax impact per \$1000 of valuation	Tax impact on \$300K valued home	Tax impact on \$400K valued home
#1 Swasey Operating Budget	\$ 5,368,627	\$ (0.170)	\$ (51.00)	\$ (68.00)

RECOMMENDED

#2 Year One Teacher Contract - 2.25%	\$ 46,260	\$ 0.090	\$ 27.00	\$ 37.00
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RECOMMENDED

see notes

#3 Full Day Kindergarten	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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NOT RECOMMENDED for fiscal reasons

#4 Extended Day Kindergarten	\$ 120,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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NOT RECOMMENDED for fiscal reasons

Net Tax Impact 2015	\$ (24.00)	\$ (31.00)
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Notes:

Year one of contract

\$ 67,560.00	2.25% salary increase
\$ (21,300.00)	healthcare savings
\$ 46,260.00	total increase year one

Year two of contract at 2.25% \$ 66,371.00
(Healthcare savings to be determined)

Year three of contract at 2% \$ 58,852.00
(Healthcare savings to be determined)

Note from the Brentwood Teachers' Association

The Brentwood School Board will present a three-year contract to the voters at the **March 6 School District Meeting**. This contract balances the needs of the community, students, and school.

The Brentwood School Board and the Brentwood Teachers' Association worked together to contain healthcare costs for both parties. The insurance concessions in this contract benefit the taxpayers in four major ways:

- Shifts a higher percentage of the premium cost to the employees
- Eliminates the most expensive plan option for new hires
- Changes health insurance to a less expensive plan
- Requires teachers to pay a higher co-pay

Based on the GMR, these changes will result in a savings to taxpayers of approximately \$21,300 in the first year alone.

While negotiating salaries, the School Board and Teachers' Association continued to take the taxpayers' needs into consideration. Twice over the past 4 years, teachers have worked with a 0% increase in base salary. The proposed increases of 2.25%, 2.25% and 2% are reasonable.

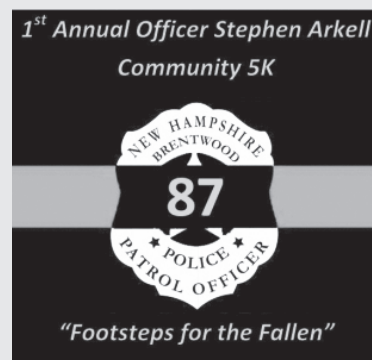
Students of Swasey Central School benefit from the

highly qualified staff who continue to provide effective and innovative instruction.

Show your support by voting **YES** for the teacher contract at the School District Meeting at 6:00pm on Friday, March 6 at Swasey School.

Dianne VanderMale and Julie Proctor,
Co-Presidents Brentwood Teachers' Association

A Very Special Opportunity ~ Saturday, April 4



To honor the sacrifice made by Brentwood's Officer Stephen Arkell, Badge 87, and his family, the Brentwood Police Association has established a scholarship fund in his honor. It will also sponsor a 5K run, with participation available to all ages, as a fitting way to continue to recognize his lifelong love of sports, coaching and many contributions to community activities.

The 1st Annual Officer Stephen Arkell Community 5K is scheduled for **Saturday, April 4**, starting at noon at the Brentwood Recreation Center. Organizers are in the process of setting up a non-profit and establishing a scholarship committee. There is a main event website: www.officerarkell5k.org. There is a website for registration and donations: www.runreg/officer-stephen-arkell-community. There is a Facebook page: facebook.com/officerarkell5k.

The Brentwood Police Association hopes town residents will polish up their walking or running shoes, gather friends, family members, neighbors and work colleagues and help make **April 4, 2015** a day of community spirit and commemoration.

Anne Schultz, with information from the
Brentwood Police Association

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

Cuts Have To Be Made

The student population at the Swasey Central School has declined over the past seven years. In 2008, the student population was 411. Today that number stands at 329, a 20% decrease, 82 fewer students with no meaningful reduction in cost to the property owners in all that time.

The Budget Committee was left with no other option to correct this inequity imposed on property owners. The Budget Committee's decision to responsibly reduce the Swasey School Budget by 12% is the right course of action. The Budget Committee conducted the business of the people as defined by New Hampshire RSA Budget Law and deserves our gratitude.

Simply put, the relief to property owners is long overdue. Any suggestion otherwise defies common sense. It is also an insult to the once vibrant middle class barely making ends meet in town.

We must recognize the failure of the Brentwood Swasey School Board to act as agents on behalf the property owners and their continued refusal to acknowledge their responsibility to the citizens in accounting for the spending and needs of this administration. This same problem exists with the Co-operative School Board. Coincidence?

"All power residing originally in, and being derived from, the people, all the magistrates and officers of government are their substitutes and agents, and at all times accountable to them. Government, therefore, should be open, accessible, accountable and responsive."

The NH Constitution Bill of Rights Part First [Art.] 8; June 2, 1784.

"At all times accountable", "accessible" and "responsive" to the "people" is fairly straight forward. The powers entrusted to any elected official by the citizenry originates from the Constitution and the laws of this great state and shall not be substituted with New Hampshire School Board Association policy or a Superintendent's whim.

Now the Swasey School Board is promulgating a crusade against the Budget Committee and property owners they swore an oath to represent. Like the Co-operative School Board, the Swasey Board does the administration's bidding and will do anything to rescind the Budget Committee's action to return what is rightfully due the taxpayer.

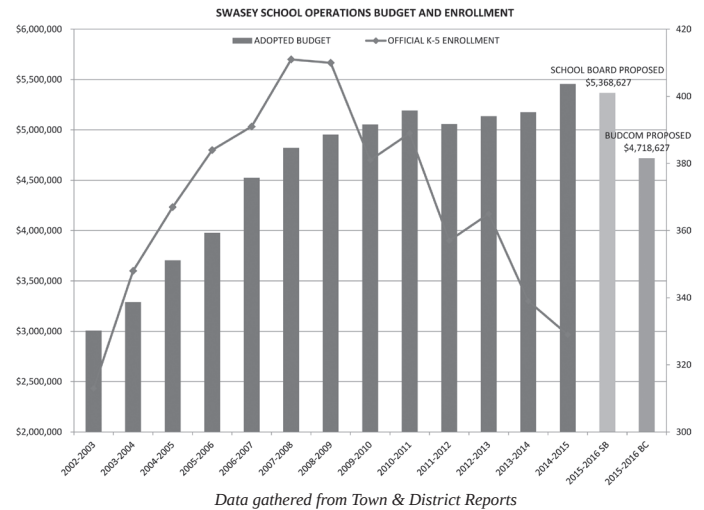
Example 1; according to Swasey School Board, those of us who could not support the teacher contract suffer from "voter fatigue"! In the April 7, 2014 Swasey School Board meeting minutes, Superintendent and Board members discuss petitioning the Rockingham County Superior Court to order another vote due to "voter fatigue" because the teacher contract was voted down.

Example 2; last year the Superintendent and School Board reneged on an agreement with the Budget Committee to remove a teaching position. The Brentwood Budget Committee Chair addressed the issue which is documented in the Swasey School Board meeting minutes of May 5, 2014.

For the past seven years we have been funding an increased school budget with a declining population. This means that we

have been overpaying...how much is arguable. However, at this point, a correction is needed. Everyone has to sacrifice in this economy. When our money runs out, what happens?

Jim Berlo & Jim Johnson



To the Editor

An Irresponsible Budget Cut Based on a Math Error

My purpose in writing here is to make sure that, prior to the vote on March 6, Brentwood voters are aware of two things: 1) there is a very significant error in the calculations that started and underpinned the Budget Committee's entire deliberation on the Swasey school budget, and 2) the school's cost per student is already below average for elementary schools in the state and in our school district. As a result of their math error, the budget cuts put forth by the Budget Committee do not represent a valid workable alternative to the School Board's proposed budget. They are not based on an actual review of costs and proposed spending. Instead, their budget is simply a crude calculation which erroneously applies an average value that omits a variety of real and unavoidable costs. The fact that the magnitude of their error happened to resemble the drop in enrollment since 2008 is pure coincidence, but it was used to justify this large cut – on top of the modest and proportional reduction from last year already proposed by the School Board.

To explain, consider this quote from Jan. 19 Budget Committee minutes opening discussion on school budget: "[BudCom Member] calculates average cost per pupil based on [the] proposed budget (divided by 329 K-5 students) would be \$16,318. Applying State formula cost per pupil (\$13,291) times the number of students (329), [he] calculates the appropriate budget at \$4,300,000". This \$1M cut was basically the opening motion on the budget, and the final \$650k cut agreed to was just a last minute, desperate, and uninformed compromise from

this amount. At the end of 2 deadlocked committee meetings, it only passed because one committee member was erroneously pressured to abstain.

The \$13,291 figure used is, in fact, the Dept. of Education (DOE) calculated cost per student for Brentwood in 2013-2014. See (http://www.education.nh.gov/data/documents/cost_pup13_14.xls) The problem is that this number does not include total budgeted costs. The DOE removes a variety of real and significant items from this calculation in order to exclude cost categories that vary too greatly between schools for reasons having no direct connection to the cost of education. It is meant for comparisons between school costs, not for budgeting. The BudCom's budget, built from that number, also omits the following real costs:

- Interest and principal payments on debt (\$332K)
- The food service (\$106k)
- Transportation / Busses (\$224k)
- Out of district placements (\$171k)

These items alone total \$833k of real costs missing from the BudCom's estimate. I called the budget administrator for the SAU and she confirmed this analysis and its implications.

The DOE report above actually shows that the comparable statewide average cost-per-elementary-student is \$14,200, or about \$900 (7%) above the cost at Swasey, which is also amongst the lowest in the SAU. This would be nearly impossible if there were budget excesses based on falling enrollment. Making this cut would drop Swasey's already below average cost per student to the lowest 20 percent of grade schools statewide. This is not where we want to be as a town given the educational results in the rest of the state.

A 'straight line' reduction based on head counts since 2008 is both unrealistic and simplistic. It assumes no inflation and ignores fixed costs (like owning a physical school), contractual obligations, and mandated services which must be paid, among other things. The Dept. of Ed. Report, used to justify the cuts, actually shows that Swasey is doing better than others in managing costs within these parameters. Calling this a 12% budget cut is also misleading. After covering fixed costs, state mandates, etc. these cuts must come from what's left. The result would be the loss of one third of the current teachers, soaring class sizes, and real lasting harm to our school.

I have generally respected and valued the role of the BudCom in presenting an alternative to consider for both school and town budgets, and pointing out areas of possible excess, but I believe this budget effort failed in that purpose. I had hoped that pointing out this material error at the public hearing, and later by email to the committee in detail, would cause the BudCom to reopen and reconsider their decision, but they voted not to do so. In taking that vote, the BudCom knowingly acted in bad faith, and let the ideology of 4 members override the will of all voters in town. My kids have already graduated from Swasey, where they received a great education. The school is the reason we, and many others, moved to Brentwood. It sets Brentwood apart from other nearby towns and supports our property values and community. It has achieved above average

results at below average costs. Don't destroy it based on a math error. Please attend the March 6th meeting and vote to increase the budget as much as the law will allow – which will shamefully still leave the school over \$200k short of its needs.

Eric Turer, 33 Peabody Drive, Brentwood

Candidates' Night ~ February 23, 2015



Candidates for Brentwood School District positions who were able to attend Candidates Night, from left: Scott Dennehy, Phyllis Thompson and Doug Cowie.



Candidates for Brentwood Town positions who were able to attend Candidates Night, seated: Bill Faria, Michelle Siudut, and Melissa Hanlon. Standing, Phyllis Thompson, John Hayes, Jane Byrne, Ken Christiansen, and Keith Levitsky.

TOWN ELECTION DAY: TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Voters will receive three ballots at the Brentwood Community Center on Election Day – the Town Ballot; the Brentwood School District Ballot; and the Cooperative School District Ballot. Below is a summary of Candidates listed on each ballot, Candidate statements as well as any associated warrant articles on the ballots.

Statements from the Candidates: All candidates were invited to provide statements for inclusion in this issue of the *Brentwood Newsletter*. Candidate letters are broken down in alphabetical order by the position the candidate is running for to allow for simplified comparison of candidates.

Town Ballot

In addition to voting for Town Officials you will be asked to vote on four zoning Amendments. A full copy of the amendments will be available at the polling place.

Selectmen – 2 for 3 years	
	Jane Bryne
	Ken Christianson
	Craig Steger
Town Clerk/Tax Collector – 1 for 3 years	
	Phyllis Thompson
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 1 for 2 years	
	Nicholas Wrighton
Trustee of the Trust Funds – 1 for 3 years	
	Julie Avant
Municipal Budget Committee – 1 for 2 years	
	Melissa Hanlon
	Julie Morrow
	Michelle Siudut
Municipal Budget Committee – 2 for 3 years	
	William Faria
	Richard G. Higgins, Jr.
	Keith Levitsky
Brentwood Planning Board – 1 for 1 years	
	No one filed
Brentwood Planning Board – 2 for 2 years	
	Kevin Johnston
	No one filed for second position
Brentwood Planning Board – 2 for 3 years	
	Stephen Hamilton
	Mark Kennedy
Cemetery Trustee – 1 for 3 years	
	David Menter
Library Trustee – 2 for 3 years	
	John Hayes
	Douglas Mansfield
Supervisors of the Checklist – 1 for 5 years	
	Mary Lee Clancey
	Scott Rowland

Jane L. Byrne – Selectmen

I am writing to again ask for your vote for the position of Selectman. It has been an honor to serve you as Selectman for 12 of the past 50 years that I have lived in Brentwood. For those of you that don't know me, my first involvement in Brentwood life was with the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brentwood Volunteer Fire Department, to which I still belong. My first political involvement was to be appointed to the first Brentwood Budget Committee from the Town Meeting floor, as were all the first members. I served one additional elected term and took a leave from political life until 1989 when I got elected to my 1st term as Selectman. After that was completed I again returned to family life while continuing to support the Ladies Auxiliary and supporting the Fire Association with bingo and fundraisers for the support of the Fire House itself. At that time no taxes were spent on Fire house construction. I coached Little League Farm teams and girls softball.

I returned to Selectman in 1998 and again in 2009 to today and I feel I still have something to contribute to You and the Town. I make it a point to attend the public officials workshops sponsored by The New Hampshire Municipal Association. I feel it is important to stay up to date on changes to the law as well as keeping informed of trends in the NH Legislature that will affect you and me.

In closing, my philosophy is that Brentwood can have what it needs to continue to deliver good education, Police, Fire, Highway, and Library services. But we must continue to plan, prioritize and schedule all of these needs so that we don't have to pay for all at the same time. In that way we can have some control over fluctuations in our tax bills while keeping in mind those of us that live on fixed incomes.

I would be honored if you would vote for me on Tuesday, March 10.

Ken Christiansen – Selectmen

For the past three years I have served as a Selectman, and I am asking for your vote on March 10 to continue for another term. The Selectmen's decisions are always team decisions. but the discussions preceding them are often lively, representing very disparate views. I believe I have been helpful in improving the Board's focus on troubling issues and making the decision making process more orderly, although not always comfortable. Before becoming a Selectman, I was on the Budget Committee for four years and am currently the Selectmen's chosen observer of the School Board. These give me a good perspective on the challenging interfaces with these entities, now absorbing the attention of the community. I believe I can continue to be a useful contributor to Brentwood. Thanks very much and be sure to vote on Tuesday, March 10.

Craig Steger – Selectmen

My name is Craig Steger and I am running for selectman for the town of Brentwood. My family moved to Brentwood in 2004 and we have loved being here ever since. We love this community, and all of our neighbors and that only in small towns do you see people all come together when the chips are down and others need our help.

I work in the biotechnology industry and I have been part of start-up companies picking up many skills along the way: how to prioritize and more importantly how to stretch a budget. These are the skills that I would like to bring to the town of Brentwood.

I would like to invigorate our town with fresh ideas and new perspectives without sacrificing what makes Brentwood unique. I don't want to change what we have, but what I want is to protect all that we have grown accustomed to and expect of our town, but balance that against keeping our property values higher and our taxes reasonable for everyone.

I hope you will give me your support to help keep Brentwood the community that we all are proud of.

Nicholas Wrighton – Trustee of the Trust Funds

Last Town Election I was a successful write-in candidate for the 1 year open Trustee of the Trust Funds position - thank you to all those who noticed my "Write-In For Wrighton" campaign and voted for me. Having held the position for the year, I have now been through the NH state Trustee training and am fully up to speed with the responsibilities of the position. I would like to continue to serve my Town in this capacity and ask that you vote for me again for the open 2 year term. I have a detail-oriented science background, experience in personal investing and am fiscally prudent. If re-elected I will continue to apply my skills to managing the Town's Trust and Capital Reserve Funds carefully and in a manner that honors their intent. Please email me at nick@wrighton.com if you have any questions for me.

Melissa Hanlon – Budget Committee, 2 year term

I have lived in Brentwood with my husband and our two daughters for the past three years. I am running for Budget Committee because I think it is important for the "young family" demographic to have a voice at that table. While I recognize that difficult choices have to be made every year with regard to how to spend taxpayer funds, I do not believe in large, ad hoc cuts to any budget. If I am elected, I will look critically at the proposed budgets and strive to make sure that they are fair, fiscally responsible and meet the needs of our diverse and thriving community. In terms of professional experience, I have a degree in Economics/Finance, and I have been an attorney at Sulloway & Hollis for the past 12 years. I would appreciate your vote on March 10, 2015!

Julie Morrow – Budget Committee, 2 year term

I am honored to receive your consideration to represent the citizens of Brentwood on the Budget Committee. I have a Masters in Public Policy and Public Administration and held a distinguished fellowship with one of the largest associations of grantmakers in the world, advising on the efficient allocation of millions of dollars of funding in the areas of early childhood education, k-12 education, community and economic development, workforce development, and land use.

I believe public expenditures must be data driven, result in a return on investment to the community, and be closely evaluated to confirm that they continue to address the community's needs. As a Committee member, my focus would be to encourage the growth and positive development of Brentwood, while controlling the budget to ensure our town remains accessible and welcoming to a diverse body of residents.

I am a homemaker with three young children and a wonderful husband.

Michelle Siudut – Budget Committee, 2 year term

I'd like to thank the *Brentwood Newsletter* for the opportunity to tell you a little bit about myself. My name is Michelle Siudut and I am running for the two-year seat on the Municipal Budget Committee.

I moved to Brentwood from central Massachusetts 15 years ago, not knowing at the time I was pregnant. My daughter is now a freshman at Exeter High School.

My involvement around town began with the Brentwood Gardeners, as membership secretary and newsletter writer for 4 ½ years. During that time I also became Secretary for the Friends of the Library and held that position for 7 years. I have been a 4H Club leader for the last 3 years. I have recently enjoyed getting more involved in the community outreach programs at the Exeter United Methodist Church. Currently I am on the Board of Directors of two non-profit organizations, serving as Assistant Treasurer for one of them. I am also a proud Pease Greeter, supporting our troops serving overseas with care packages and meeting flights at Pease.

Those are my "off" hours. I am employed as administrative assistant for both a summer camp and a window-tinting company. I am also personal assistant to the CMA of a commercial roofing company.

Now let me tell you why I am running for budget committee. I believe there are services our government should provide and feel they need to do so in a fiscally responsible manner. In a state with no income tax, New Hampshire property owners shoulder a heavy burden. I hope to assist other Committee members in helping our town provide for the legitimate needs of our residents while keeping costs at a reasonable and justifiable level.

If you'd like to reach me, please email me at mysolutions4@yahoo.com. And please remember to vote on March 10. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

William Faria – Budget Committee, 3 year term

My name is William (Bill) Faria and I am running for re-election to the Municipal Budget Committee this year. I have been on the Municipal Budget Committee for two terms. If elected I will continue to represent all the interests in town to the best of my ability. My philosophy is a simple one: I will do my best to provide the best possible services in town, at a reasonable cost, while being fair and equitable to the employees who provide those services. I will do my best to keep all our taxes as low as possible without cutting the services that everyone wants and needs to keep our town vibrant and growing. I thank you for the trust you have given me in the past and I ask for your vote on March 10th, and thank you for your consideration.

Richard C. Higgins, Jr. – Budget Committee, 3 year term

My wife and I moved to Brentwood 7 years ago. We have a daughter who will go to kindergarten next fall and twin 2 year old sons. We chose to live in Brentwood because we love the seacoast and were looking for the best school and community to raise our family.

A little about me, I am a New Hampshire native, raised in Londonderry, UNH graduate with a BS and an MBA. I was an officer in the United States Army, and currently work for Raytheon Company in Andover, MA as a Material Program Manager. In this role I have budget responsibility on several large programs and am very familiar with managing budgets. I understand the balance between being conservative and maintaining quality, a skill that I would bring with me to the budget committee.

I believe that the school board and budget committee can work together to maintain the high standard of education while still meeting the needs of our taxpayers.

Keith Levitsky – Budget Committee, 3 year term

My wife Nicole and I moved to Brentwood 11 years ago. We have two daughters (5 & 7) that attend Swasey Central School. I have worked primarily in pharmaceutical sales since graduating from UNH. Professionally I have budget responsibility and a track record of delivering results while remaining on budget. After seeing the most recent budget cycle unfold I was motivated to run for a seat on the Budget Committee. As your representative, my priority would be to help provide the resources our town requires in a fiscally responsible manner. I pride myself on being a rational and reasonable person. I will be available for anyone to voice their concerns. I will listen to your concerns and take them into consideration during the budget cycle. I plan to bring transparency and awareness to the process. I will be candidates' night and hope to see you there.

Candidate Letters

John Hayes – Library Trustees

Statement on Focus of Efforts as a Mary E. Bartlett Library Trustee.

As a trustee, I would continue to support the excellent services that have lead to the New Hampshire Library of the Year.

New Projects might include but not limited to topics related to local and state history; and topics in psychology and education such as parenting your teen in the age of cell phones and social media.

Background: Psychology (doctorate), Library Science and Education (Masters), History (Bachelor); School board Brentwood 1999-2003.

I was a School Psychologist with the Timberlane School District (15 years, retired).

I worked as an academic librarian for four years managing the “audio-visual” services for two colleges.

My background in psychology, education and library science would be a good basis for working with Library Staff and Trustees.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor

A Message to the Brentwood Budget Committee:

We have reviewed many budgets together over the years and in this season, and have generally been able to handle disagreements with a certain amount of grace. Even this year, reductions recommended for the town’s Fire Department, the Highway Department and the Library were not unanimous, yet are going forward to Town Meeting without any fuss. The Swasey School teacher contract was also **Not Recommended** with barely a blip.

Then there’s the Swasey School operating budget....a budget, I remind you, that we all agreed needed to be reduced (even the alternate School Board member voted on a number lower than the budget proposed by the School Board). The disagreement that divides us, and now this town, is simply over how deep the recommended cut to the Swasey School Operating Budget should be. Half of our Committee thinks the school can and should make the adjustments - have asked openly if the school can function realistically without a coordinator/assistant principal, with higher class sizes than the current average of 16, with adjustments in staff that correspond to 20% lower enrollment - and are satisfied that it can. Half of us think the school can’t possibly make the transition. The town will put it to a vote on March 6th, and now we simply need to gracefully “agree to disagree” on that budget number.

With regard to the 10% limitation law that has been pushed into this budget conversation by the School District: this safeguard put in by the legislature is not something

we watchdog or an equation we use when making budget recommendations. If we are told by the legislature that we have to consider that math in our reductions work, it will assuredly become part of all deliberations going forward, not just for us, but for Municipal Budget Committees throughout the State of New Hampshire.

It takes a thick skin to do this work. Our soon-to-be members will find that you cannot serve two masters once elected, and the purpose of this Committee has never been compatible with being a champion for specific departments. Lobbying only makes sense for our two appointed members, who are expected to advocate for their respective Governing Boards. And though not perfect, our final recommendations this year benefited from years of experience looking at these numbers and evaluating information in context. I believe we did exactly what is expected of us: to recommend prudent appropriations in order to manage expenses. We are definitely not “irresponsible” when it comes to executing this difficult and exhaustive function. I know you all are attentive, comprehensive and thorough. These are extraordinary qualities in a volunteer board, and I beg you not to give them up.

On a more personal note, I think it’s absurd that individuals on this committee are being targeted, and actually accused of wrongdoing. I’m embarrassed by the drama being created in our town over a budget recommendation. I’m ashamed of the bad and bullying behavior I see on social media and at public meetings. And finally, I am truly dismayed that this volunteer Committee has been threatened for doing the job we are elected to do. We have “poked the bear”; that has become obvious. Let us not become the bear. I hope that what we so obviously share, our love for this great little town, will bring us all to common ground.

I want to close by extending my sincere thanks for the many, many unpaid hours you spent poring through numbers, and for your dedicated and irreproachable public service. I appreciate your patience with me throughout my on-the-job training on how to be a Chair. There is no amount of controversy that will make me feel any differently about the good, hard work you do for our community.

Most Sincerely,
Elyse Seeley

thank you!

Mailing Crew for February

Many thanks on behalf of the community to those in the Lake and South Road neighborhood who assembled the February Newsletter for mailing: Kelly Ramsdell, Kirsten Phillips, Ruth-Ann Cooper, Tim Bond and June Little.

Linda Rousseau, on behalf of the Newsletter Committee

Brentwood School District Ballot

Brentwood Dist. School Board – 2 for 3 years	
	Scott Dennehy
	Jessie Hollister
Brentwood Dist. Moderator – 1 for 3 years	
	Douglas Cowie
Brentwood Dist. Treasurer – 1 for 3 years	
	No one filed
Brentwood Dist. School Clerk – 1 for 3 years	
	Phyllis Thompson

Scott Dennehy – Brentwood School Board

I believe our school is one of our most important assets in this community. I along with my wife and three children have lived in Brentwood for the past 13 years. I grew up in a small Connecticut town very much like Brentwood, with the school being one of the main focuses of the community.

For over the past 10 years, I have been in service to Swasey Central School by volunteering my time with the Parent Faculty group both as a member and as a Board member. It's with the volunteer experience that I have had the pleasure of interacting with the entire staff at Swasey. I cannot say enough about the level of education and dedication the staff at Swasey Central School provides to Brentwood.

As a school board member, I will do everything within my power to uphold those qualities and level of services that they have tirelessly provided. Swasey Central School is the #1 reason for the influx of young families moving to our town, just like we did thirteen years ago. It is important to our town that we keep it that way. I am a huge proponent of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and hope to make sure that we keep our kids on the cutting edge to allow them to compete and shine when they reach the Middle School & High School level. Thank you for your consideration, I would appreciate your vote on March 10.

Jessie Hollister – Brentwood School Board

I am running for my second term on the Brentwood School Board. I have lived in Brentwood since 2006. I have four children who are in the school system. All four of my children have benefitted from the excellent education at Swasey Central School. My goal as a member of the Brentwood School Board is to continue to provide an excellent education for the children in the community, while balancing the needs of taxpayers. During my first term on the school board, I have been involved in the Strategic Planning Steering Committee, The Teaching and Learning focus group and the Teacher contract negotiations.

Doug Cowie – Brentwood School Board

I am honored by your having allowed me to be your School District Moderator since 2006. My goal is to facilitate a fair, orderly, focused meeting that allows you, the members of the legislative body, to speak to the issue up for debate, ask your questions, and allow all who wish to participate the opportunity to speak at least once before debate is closed. I use *"The Moderator's Rules"* not *"Roberts Rules"*! These rules are available in written form to all prior to the meeting, are reviewed at the start of the meeting and if not objected to, are declared adopted by the Legislative Body (you). I am again a candidate for Moderator of the School District and would appreciate your support.

A Community Forum Sponsored by Pilgrim United Church of Christ Brentwood/Kingston

A forum will be held on Friday, **March 20 from 7:00-8:30 pm** at the church located at 197 Middle Road, Brentwood, New Hampshire. This is an opportunity to hear from three panelists about the importance of the understanding of mental illness. How can community members be part of helpful solutions? Is the present state funding adequate? There will be a time for questions from the audience.

Panelists for the forum are: Kenneth Lambert, founder of "Keeping Sound Minds", a member of the Brentwood Community; Jay Couture, Executive Director of the Seacoast Mental Health Center in Portsmouth, New Hampshire; and Calvin R. Genzel, Ph.D, LP from the Board of Pastoral Counseling Services in Manchester, New Hampshire.

We encourage all community members to attend, and invite your friends and neighbors.

Betty Stevens, on behalf of the Pilgrim United Church

Exeter Regional Cooperative School District Ballot

You will be asked to vote for Cooperative District Officers followed by four Cooperative District Warrant Articles. While no positions representing Brentwood are on the ballot, voters from all towns within the District may vote for these Candidates.

ERCSD School Board –	
Exeter – 1 for 2 years	Denny Grubbs
Exeter – 1 for 3 years	Maggie Bishop
Kensington – 1 for 2 years	No one filed
Newfields – 1 for 3 years	No one filed
Stratham – 1 for 3 years	Helen Joyce
ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee	
East Kingston – 1 for 3 years	David Pendell
Exeter – 1 for 3 years	Mark Paige
	Michael Demartino
Stratham – 1 for 3 years	No one filed
ERCSD Moderator – 1 for 1 year	
	Katherine Miller

Denny Grubbs – Exeter ERCSD School Board

Last summer an interim Coop School Board opening was announced. As a new Exeter resident (having lived in Newmarket since 1999), I applied, interviewed, and was appointed. My involvement since – on the Board (and on its Curriculum and Philosophy Committee – and as a representative at the Finance Committee meetings)-has proven rewarding.

I now seek election for a two-year cooperative board term (2015-2017).

I was raised in Connecticut and became a lifelong educator (well over forty years), primarily on the administrative side of the table – and in independent schools. It has been great this fall-winter to work with superintendent Mike Morgan and his team -and with my strong board colleagues.

I now hope to continue – on behalf of educational excellence. I surely know school management, finance, accountability, and the pursuit of quality. And look forward to this further opportunity to give back.

Thank you for your support – and vote on Tuesday, March 10.

Katherine Miller – ERCSD Moderator

If re-elected as Moderator of the Exeter Regional Cooperative School District, I will continue my efforts to run the Deliberative and Balloting sessions of the District fairly and efficiently. Participating in local government is an important part of our responsibilities as citizens. I pledge to do my best to ensure that voters who want to participate in the process can do so.

I have lived in Exeter since 1999. I have an undergraduate degree from Brown University and a law degree from Northeastern University. I am a partner with the law firm of Donahue, Tucker and Ciandella, in Exeter. My practice areas include telecommunications law, representation of NH municipalities, non-profit organizations and individuals, especially in the area of estate planning. I served two terms on the Exeter Elementary School Board and one term on the Coop School Board.

Helen Joyce – Stratham ERCSD School Board

My name is Helen Joyce and I am a candidate from Stratham seeking a second term on the Exeter Region Cooperative School Board. I am currently serving as Chairperson of the Board and hope continue the work I have started during my first term.

- Working to present an annual district budget, which provides a quality education for our children, while still being sensitive to the economic needs of our taxpayers.
- Building on *The New Hampshire Scholars Program* at Exeter High School.
- Working, in conjunction with my fellow board members, to address the facilities needs at both the Cooperative Middle and Exeter High Schools

As I have over the past three years, it is my hope to continue to meet the needs and concerns of all parents and students in our school district by maintaining open lines of communication with them.

I would appreciate your vote on March 10th.

Exeter Regional Cooperative School District Warrant Articles

Below is a summary of the main Exeter Region Cooperative School District school warrant articles and a citizen petition. These are intended as general summaries of the main articles and are not the official warrant articles. Official warrant articles will be available at the polling place.

WA 1: Cooperative School Operating Budget. Raise and appropriate \$55,721,982 as an operating budget. Should this warrant article defeated, then the operating budget be the default of \$55,962,349. The School Board and Budget Advisory Committee recommend the proposed budget.

WA 2: Paraprofessional Collective Bargaining Agreement. The warrant article puts forth the 3 year collective bargaining agreement reached between the ERSCD School Board and the Exeter Area Paraprofessional Association. The estimated cost of the first year of the contract is \$95,242. Recommended by the School Board and Budget Advisory Committee.

WA 3: To establish a Synthetic Turf Replacement Capital Reserve Fund for future replacement of the synthetic field at the Exeter High School and to raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be placed in this fund. This sum is to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by the School Board and Budget Advisory Committee.

WA 4: Citizen Petition. “Are you in favor of having the Cooperative Middle School (CMS) readdress the formal policy for student use of personal electronic communication devices during the hours that CMS is in session?” This is a yes or no vote.

Exeter Regional Cooperative School District (ERCSD) Budget

On Election Day voters will be asked to approve the ERCSD operating budget. The budget put forth on the ballot and recommended by the School Board and the Budget Advisory Committee is \$55,721,982. This is currently **LOWER** than the Default Budget (\$55,962,349). By voting **YES** at the polls, the operating budget will be lower. The Proposed Budget represents an increase of \$.0685/\$1000 valuation. If the Proposed Budget fails to pass on March 10, the Default Budget automatically goes into effect which represents a larger increase of \$.0762/\$1000 valuation.

I urge the Brentwood community to vote **YES** on warrant article 1 on the ERSCD ballot. I feel this proposed budget, while lower than the default budget, will supply our students with a quality education.

For more information of the ERCSD budget please visit www.sau16.org/index.php/home/2013-01-15-16-03-55.

Krista Steger

Brentwood Representative, ERCSD Budget Advisory Committee

krista.steger@gmail.com

Brentwood Roadside Clean-Up Event

On **Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm**, please join the Brentwood Conservation Commission for a town Roadside Clean-Up event in honor of Earth Day. We will meet at the Pilgrim Church, 197 Middle Road at 10:00 am to select locations that are in need. Garbage bags and gloves will be provided. You can also target your own road or neighborhood.

Following the clean-up you are invited to the Pilgrim Church for a BBQ and ice cream from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm.

If you have seen roads or areas in town or along the Exeter River you would like to see the trash cleaned up please let us know. Call Heather at 772-1510 if you have questions or to add locations to our list of areas to target during our clean-up event.

Heather Dudley-Tatman

Brentwood Conservation Commission

Keep Sound Minds Benefit Concert

Brentwood residents and founders of Keep Sound Minds, Ken and Danielle Lambert, are having a benefit concert to support KSM on **Friday, April 10** in downtown Portsmouth. Performing at the Portsmouth Gas Light Company will be opening act Charlie Farren, and the main act is a sought-after Chicago tribute band - “Introductions”. Doors open at 6:30 pm, with music starting at 7:00 pm. This will be a fun evening with great music; please consider attending.

Tickets are \$30 each and must be purchased online prior to the event. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit the www.keepersoundminds.org website. Thank you for your support.

Ken and Danielle Lambert

TOWN MEETING: SATURDAY, MARCH 14

Those in attendance at Town Meeting will vote on 13 warrant articles (WA) associated with governing our town. Amendment to the warrant articles, including changes to monetary values, can be made at this meeting.

Below is a summary of the main town warrant articles. These are intended as general summaries of the main articles and are not the official warrant articles. A full copy of all town warrant articles are contained in the *Town Report* and will be available at the Town Meeting.

WA 1: Town Operating Budget. The warrant article puts forth the Municipal Budget Committee's recommended amount of \$3,128,179 for general municipal operations. The Selectmen recommend \$3,188,043.

WA 2: To authorize the selectmen to enter into a four year lease agreement not to exceed \$336,000.00 for a lease/purchase of a new pumper truck. No payment to be raised this year, the annual payment will be \$90,121 thereafter. The Selectmen recommend, the Budget Committee does not recommend.

WA 3: Raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the replacement of fire and rescue vehicles. The warrant article will be rescinded if warrant article 2 passes. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 4: Raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the repair of town bridges. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 5: Raise and appropriate \$204,471 to be added to the existing Capital reserve Fund for the repair of town bridges. This sum is to come from fund balance and no amount to be raised from taxation. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 6: Raise and appropriate \$250,000 to repair roads. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 7: Raise and appropriate \$18,524 for the third year's payment of leasing a backhoe for the Highway Department. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 8: Raise and appropriate \$31,477 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the purchase of highway vehicles and related equipment. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 9: Raise and appropriate \$50,000 to be added to the existing Capital Reserve Fund for the construction of new highway building(s). Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 10: Raise and appropriate \$500 to provide funding to CASA. Recommended by Selectmen and Budget Committee.

WA 11: Authorize the Trustees of the Trust Funds to pay for Capital Reserve Fund investment management services, and any other related expenses incurred, from Capital Reserve Fund income. Recommended by the Selectmen

WA 12 and 13 are non-money articles and are always included at the end of a business meeting.

Brentwood Fire Department: Support Warrant Article 2

Two years ago the vehicle replacement schedule was established and adopted by the selectmen. The purpose of this plan is so that the residents of Brentwood are aware of what the department has for apparatus, when it needs to be replaced and the approximate cost. Presently the Department has eight vehicles and as we all know, fire apparatus are very costly. By following the schedule we spread the cost out over more years. Last year a vehicle was scheduled to be replaced, and that vehicle was voted down at town meeting. The vehicle replacement schedule is now behind by one year. This vehicle still needs to be replaced with another in 2021, with these vehicles already past their recommended life span; we need to stay on schedule. The negative impact of not following a schedule is the possibility of having to purchase several vehicles at the same time rather than spreading out the cost.

Rescue 2, the vehicle due to be replaced, is 28 years old and developed structural issues last fall. The vehicle's body was sagging, due to its age resulting in metal fatigue on the frame. The vehicle was repaired with no extended guarantees. Considering the age of this truck, having been refurbished in 2004 and now major repairs, this truck needs to be replaced.

The vehicle replacement schedule may be viewed on the town website under the Fire Department.

Kevin Lemoine, Fire Chief

Fire Department Run Report for January 2015

1	Chimney Fires
1	Smoke/Odor Investigations
7	Fire Alarm Activation
5	Motor Vehicle Accident with Injury
44	Medical Emergencies
14	Good Intent Call

The Mary E. Bartlett Memorial Library

Escape Cabin Fever! Come to the Library!

We'd like to start this month out by thanking the hard-working Brentwood Highway Department for doing such a great job this winter keeping the Library plowed out and the parking lot open for patrons. Thank you also to our neighbor, Andy Artimovich who helped out a red-faced library director who thought she could make it into the parking lot BEFORE it was plowed – you are much appreciated!

Did you ever wonder what life was like for the wife and children of the famous patriot Paul Revere? Storyteller and actress **Joan Gattorna** will present her story about Revolutionary times in Boston on **Thursday, March 26 at 7:00 pm** with *"The Other Side of the Midnight Ride: A Visit with Rachel Revere."* Learn of Mrs. Revere's role in escaping occupied Boston with her children and why one son was left behind to face the British on his own. This program will be made possible through a generous grant from the NH Humanities Council and support from the **Friends of the Library**.

March Madness is fast approaching, but why should basketball fans have all the fun? Help us name the **2015 Brentwood Book Champion!** Through a series of votes, we will narrow down our list of 32 popular 2014 books to one Grand Champion. Based on the popular basketball tournament, participants will fill out a bracket, and then vote for their favorite books on the library's website. Pick up your bracket form at the library or print one off at home from the website. Submit your completed bracket by **Saturday, March 7** in person or via email (bartlettlibrary@comcast.net), and then start voting online for your favorite titles! Winner will be announced **March 31**.

Ladies Movie Night will occur on **Thursday, March 19 at 7:00 pm** when we show *"St. Vincent"* [PG-13], starring Bill Murray and Melissa McCarthy.

Wednesday @ One Cinema will continue all March long – check the website or Library newsletter for a list of this month's films.

Enjoy a fun night out with the family on **Friday, March 27 at 6:30 pm** with *"Penguins of Madagascar"* [PG]. We'll provide the popcorn and you may bring the water bottles. And for those who asked, "Yes, all children must be accompanied by an adult." Thanks for checking!

The **Brentwood Bookers** will be meeting on **Monday, March 2 at 7:00 pm** to discuss their February selection. They will meet again on **Monday, April 6 at 7:00 pm**

for a discussion about *"The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry"* by Gabrielle Zevin. Copies of the book are available at the front desk.

The **Trustees** will meet at **6:30 pm on Monday, March 16**. Public is welcome to attend.

Please note that the **Library will be closed on Saturday, March 14** so that patrons and staff may attend the annual **Town Meeting**. Please come out and support the Library's 2015 budget! We need your vote in order to continue serving you as we have in the past. Thank you!

Here are the numbers for 2014 activities at the Library:

- The Library registered 174 new patrons
- 26,069 people visited the Library

In the Tech World:

- Patrons logged 1,165 sessions on the public computers
- Membership in Overdrive (free downloadable audio and e-books) resulted in the download of 2,515 items by 521 patrons.

Circulation:

- Book circulation increased by 6 percent rising to 4,4712 items
- Audio books and CD circulation was up 8 percent to 2,204 items
- DVD circulation up 2 percent to 8,977 movies

Special Events and Offerings:

- Museum Passes utilized by 421, an increase of 43 percent
- 108 Adult Programs with 1,241 attendees
- 161 Youth Programs with 3,783 attendees
- 108 Community meetings
- 110 Children tracked their Summer Reading, logging 979 books and 58,450 pages

Looking ahead to April, please plan on celebrating National Poetry Month with us. We'll start out by hosting a **"Poetry Slam"** on **Thursday, April 2 at 7:00 pm**. Anyone who would like to read a favorite poem or two aloud to the audience may participate. We'll also be displaying the works of local Brentwood poets all month long.

And finally, for all of the latest library news and events (including inclement weather closings), be sure to check out our website at www.brentwoodlibrary.org.

Check it all out @ your Brentwood library- *NH's Library of the Year!*

Betsy Solon, Library Director

Report from our State Representative

Hello Brentwood Residents,

Well, democracy is moving on at the State House. Last week's session enabled us to pass, fail, and table 34 bills. It was a long day! The Education Committee has been inundated with 74 bills this session. The usual case load is 30 or so. This means I am now at the State house 3 or 4 days a week. I have not been able to make some important local school meetings because of the long days in Concord.

I would appreciate any residents who could offer me updates or input on some of the meetings I have missed that you feel would be important information for me to know. After all, no man is an island.

There are a lot of questions and testimony surrounding Common Core Standards here in NH. We are hearing from teachers, parents, and the Department of Education on this delicate matter. As usual funding is the issue surrounding most of the decisions the Education Committee has to decide upon. As a committee we are examining the amount of Federal dollars we receive and how that impacts the decisions on local levels.

I have been told by testimony from the DOE, that the New Hampshire school system overall is the envy of many states. We are innovative and leading the field in many areas. We are known in Washington as a bit non-conformist! I believe this to be true. However, in committee we are seeing a slow but sure encroachment of Federal regulations attempting to make headway into our enterprising way of approaching education. There are assurances that our standards in many communities are higher than those imposed by CCS. From testimony, it is clear that the state overall intends to keep it that way.

The big concern at this point is with the amount of required testing that accompanies the classroom. It appears from input during our sessions that testing and surveying has become the obsession at the expense of actual teaching time with the kids. Testing of course is necessary for evaluation of progress but it seems that the amount of testing has become onerous for

many teachers and children are finding it a bit much as well. I believe that our state education from grade school to the higher levels of our great universities will prevail over any imposed regulations or mandates from outside.

Next month I will take the time to share more in regards to the testing, finances, and Federal input into our system of education. For now, I have to head back to the State House; it's an early morning and another long day!

I just want to personally thank every TEACHER, who toils away daily with a desire and passion for kids to become all they are destined to be. Your role in the future of our state and country is priceless!

I have come to appreciate what a local teacher endures by way of sacrifice, and at times imposed regulations, on their classroom and curriculum. I just want every teacher to know how important they are and that they hold the key to innovation and change.

There was a wise prophet who once said, "My people perish for a lack of knowledge." Knowledge is the key to correcting the mistakes of the past and opening the doors of the future! What you don't know can and will cripple you now and deeply impair or advance your future. To all the teachers of Swasey and surrounding communities, may you lead the next generation into greater knowledge and a brighter future for our great state.

Hope to see some of you on **March 7, 9:00-10:30 am, Town Hall, in the Cross Room.**

Excelsior! (ever upward)

Allen Cook, State Representative for Brentwood

I can be reached at:

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EXCELSIOR! (ever upward)

Friends of the Library

The Friends are excited to announce that you can now register online for the passes that are offered at the Library. It is easy to use. Just log on the Library's website, www.brentwoodlibrary.org, and sign up for the pass you would like to use. There are many wonderful passes that are sponsored by the Friends. One we would like to highlight this month is the SEE Science Center in Manchester, NH. The SEE Science Center is an interactive learning center that offers hands-on exhibits focusing on technology, science, mathematics and engineering. The center is open seven days a week.

The Friends would like to recognize Mary Wills. Mary has always been available to add her very creative and popular goodies for our bake sales. We are very appreciative of her contributions and want to offer our gratitude. Thank you, Mary!

If you have any gently used games or puzzles, the Friends would be happy to take them off your hands. You can just drop them off at the Library during business hours.

The next Friends' meeting is **Wednesday, March 11, at 12:30 pm** at the Library. We are very happy to see some new faces that have joined us recently. If you too would like to become a "friend" please stop by.

If you are interested in receiving email reminders about upcoming events simply email marybartlett76@yahoo.com and we would be happy to add you to our list. We do not share this information with anyone else.

Cheryl Scott, on behalf of Friends of the Library

Swasey Central School Update

Hello Reader,

What a winter we're having! Monday cancellations and delays have been a theme. This will make our spring/summer that much sweeter!

This year's annual School District Meeting is scheduled for **Friday, March 6 at 6:00 pm at Swasey**. I encourage all of you to attend to vote on the school budget and on the teacher contract. Typically this meeting is on a Saturday morning, but there are often conflicts on Saturdays so the board is trying to provide a time when more people can attend. Babysitting will be available and we appreciate your attendance. All town meetings are scheduled and available at the town website, www.brentwoodnh.gov

Please feel free to call me at 642-3487 or email me if you have any questions or thoughts to share. Again, thanks for marking your calendar for the School District meeting. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated.

Grade 3

Third graders are finishing up their multiplication and division unit, exploring the practical uses of these operations through word problems and more complicated performance tasks. This will help prepare them for the Smarter Balanced Assessment coming up this spring. We are moving on to fractions, first by understanding fractions as part of a whole, and then understanding fractions as part of a group. Research projects continue on Native Americans, with the eventual goal of inviting parents in for a celebration at the end of the unit. Anyone brave enough to cook something authentic? Third graders are incorporating Native American Legends and folklore into our reading.

Grade 4

The fourth graders have been busy during the last month or so! We had our first innovation day before the holiday break. Students were given a choice of problems to solve (each with a holiday theme); creating a mail delivery system, constructing a sturdy, attractive and efficient package for shipping, designing a faster sleigh and developing a fun new game to play. Parents came in to see their hard and innovative work at the end of the day!

Students are looking forward to our science unit on electricity in the next month as well as honing their writing skills on persuasive essays. A great time learning in fourth grade!

Grade 5

With each passing month the students add to their math skills through hard work and plenty of practice. Over the past two months, the students covered many different mathematical skills. Some of the skills include division with whole numbers and with decimals, interpreting the remainder of a division problem, properties of polygons, exploring angle measures and geometric solids, area and volume formulas, just to name a few.

Fifth graders continue to attempt different STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) projects. A recent focus was "Package the Pringle" where students needed to

work as a team and design and test a package for a single Pringle chip to another classroom for evaluation. Students created scale model blueprints for their designs, measured mass and calculated volume. We can't wait to see how they stand up during shipping! The second quarter ended smoothly and the third quarter is heading in the right direction.

Learning in the Library

February was an amazing month in the library. Author Marty Kelley was with us for a whole week, from February 13-19. He shared what it is like to be an author/illustrator in his large group presentations, and then visited each individual classroom for an hour of instruction. To prepare for this author residency, we read lots of Marty's books and visited his website: www.martykelley.com. Thanks to the PFG for helping to fund this very special event.

Stay informed about what's happening in the library by subscribing to the library blog, SCS Connections, or follow [swaseylibrary](#) on Instagram.

Physical Education by Mrs. Lane

February brings a unit of rhythmic to the Swasey PE classes. We use short and long ropes, make Chinese jump ropes, scarfs and jump bands. There is a new type of rhythm in the gym with the addition of aerobic drumming. We use fitness balls up on buckets, lummi sticks and away we go...quite a sight for sure. I attended a conference last year which lead me to Drums Alive, a great drumming program that Swasey now enjoys. See you next time, keep on moving.

Curriculum Corner

This school year will be the first year of full implementation of the Smarter Balanced Assessment. Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment beginning March 16. Each grade level has been assigned a two-week window of testing. Fortunately, over the past two springs, our students and staff have participated in the pilot and field tests for the Smarter Balanced Assessment. We feel this experience gives our students an advantage of already knowing the process and procedures so that their focus can be on the content.

This summative assessment is a computer based adaptive test. Adaptive means that as students answer a question correctly, they receive a more challenging question and if they answer a question incorrectly, then they are given an easier question. "By adapting to the student as the assessment is taking place, these assessments present an individually tailored set of questions to each student and can quickly identify which skills students have mastered." - www.smarterbalanced.org. We currently use an adaptive assessment with our STAR test that we administer three times a year to all students in grades K-5.

The purpose of these assessments is to provide our teachers and administrators with valuable information that they can use to inform instruction and meet individual student needs.

Ron W. Kew
Principal

Swasey Parent Faculty Group

At the February monthly meeting the PFG reported that art teacher, Mrs. Buswell, has had the students working hard on their art projects for Square 1 Art. Square 1 Art puts the artwork on many different items; coffee mugs, aprons, books and are a great addition for every proud parents' home. A huge thank you to Mrs. Buswell! The projects will be available for pick up the first week of April.

The next intended goal for the *Box Tops* is to cover the second portion of the gym windows during April vacation. The group wants to thank all who sent in their *Box Tops* and encourage others to start the clipping!

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 17**. New members are always welcome, hope to see you there.

Sheila S. Lane, on behalf of the Swasey PFG

Brentwood Seniors

The Seniors had an excellent meeting in February. After the buffet luncheon, the group welcomed their guest speaker Kevin Mailhot, owner of the "Sappin Epping Sugar House." He gave a very interesting talk on making and marketing maple syrup in today's climate.

The next meeting will be **Wednesday, March 25** at the Community Center. Members should arrive at **11:00 am** for appetizers and social hour. The lunch menu will be corned beef and cabbage. The telephone committee will be calling members as to what to bring. After lunch the group will have the Pound Party that did not take place in January because of a snowstorm.

Members are reminded that a Pound Party is an old-fashioned, auction style event. Each member brings one or more white elephant type items hidden from view in gift paper or paper bags. The people bid on the unseen items one by one. When someone has the high bid on an item, all action stops until the item is unwrapped for all to see.

Visitors and new members are always welcome at Brentwood Seniors gatherings. You do not have to be a Brentwood resident to attend. For more information call Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Seniors

Brentwood Gardeners

The February meeting of the Gardeners kept everyone interested and asking questions of the speaker. The subject for the evening was "Pruning Trees and Shrubs." Nearly everyone turned out to be passionately concerned about one or more shrubs in their yards at home.

The speaker, Dick Lutz, of Churchill's Gardens, had had experience with every question anyone asked. Between the excellent handout sheets he provided, and his own fund of experience, the members went home with many answers and ideas. Thanks again to Diantha Wade for arranging his visit.

The next program will take place on the **second** Tuesday of March rather than the usual third Tuesday. We'll meet in the Fellowship Room at the Pilgrim Congregational Church on Middle Road on **Tuesday, March 10 at 7:00 pm**. Diane Byron has arranged the program, which will be entitled "Good Bugs, Bad Bugs," presented by Ron Christie, Program Coordinator of the UNH Cooperative Extension.

The Gardeners welcome visitors and new members, and are always glad to add those who want to join in our simple "county gardener" approach to life. For more information feel free to contact the Co-Presidents, Torie Freeman, 778-3748, or Linda Rousseau, 580-2358.

Linda Rousseau for the Gardeners

Springtime Buffet at Pilgrim Church

Pilgrim Church is serving a Springtime Buffet on **Saturday, April 11, 2015** with continuous seating from **5:30-7:00 pm**. This dinner features fresh carved roast beef, roast turkey, roast pork and ham along with assorted hot entrees, a delightful salad bar and delicious homemade desserts. Tickets will be sold at the door at a cost of \$12 for adults and \$6 for children under 10.

Pilgrim Church is located at 197 Middle Road (Route 111A) in Brentwood. The building is accessible.

Gene Orcutt

JOIN US AT MOHEGAN SUN CASINOS!

Monday, April 13 - Cost is \$35

Please call the Recreation Office by April 7 to reserve your seat.

Enjoy coach bus transportation with coffee and donuts for the ride down and a snack on the return trip. Bus leaves the Brentwood Recreation Area at 7:30 am and returns at approximately 7:30 pm.

Sympathy

Sincerest sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of Norman James Morrison III of Crawley Falls Road, who passed away on February 4, 2015 at Kindred Hospital in Peabody, MA. Born in Jackson, MI, he graduated from Northeastern University, and worked first in engineering. From those early days to the present he has been known to his friends as "J". In his later years he was in executive management with Schneider Electric and Bull. He was also an outstanding bridge player and attended national-level tournaments. He was devoted to his family – his wife Maureen, his four children and his many grandchildren. Memorial donations may be made to Family Care International, promoting safe childbirth across the globe.

Deep sympathy and friendship are extended to the family of Richard Allen Wells of Middle Road, who died February 6, 2015. Details of the service and other information have remained private at the family's behest.

Brentwood Democratic Committee

The Brentwood Democratic Party Caucus will take place on **Wednesday, March 4, at 7:00 pm** at the home of Amy Wilson **41A Mill Road**. All registered Democrats in Brentwood are requested to attend and are eligible to vote in the caucus elections for town Democratic Committee Officers and for Brentwood's delegates to the State Democratic Conventions.

For more information, call Liz McConnell at 772-7484.

Rabies Clinic

There will be a rabies clinic at the Brentwood Fire Department on **Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 am to Noon**. The Town Clerk's office will also be open at that time if you want to stop in and register your dogs.

Waste Tonnage Figures

	<u>December</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	132.11
Tons, recycled goods	24.45 (15.6%)
	<u>January</u>
Tons, mixed solid waste	62.32
Tons, recycled goods	23.29 (27.2%)

Brentwood Historical Society



On February 12 the Historical Society Museum opened especially for a visit from the Tiger Cubs den and the Wolf den of Cub Scout Pack 192. They were joined in this photo by several sisters and brothers. All are holding items from the Museum's collection of 50-year-old Scout camping gear that belonged to Wayne Lindon, Brentwood's first Eagle Scout.

Cub Scouts Visit the Museum

In February Brentwood Cub Scouts and their families learned firsthand that the Museum is available and happy to open for a special visit. Cub Scouts, leaders, parents, sisters, and brothers looked around the main room of the 1865 building and imagined it in its first use as a country store, then as the town's public library, and still later as the home of the Keeneborough Grange. They were reminded that for almost 100 years, all the major north-south traffic in this part of the state went by the porch when Crawley Falls Road was part of the main highway – including herds of cattle being driven to market in Boston.

To demonstrate that Scouting has been going on for a long time in Brentwood, the boys were invited to hold and talk about the various pieces of camping gear that were used 50 years ago by Wayne Lindon, Brentwood's first Eagle Scout and also an Assistant Scoutmaster. Wayne was the son of Violet and Martin Lindon, who owned Lindy's Country Store.

"12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State"

The next public program to be presented by the Historical Society will be a real awakening for those who think of this area as being inhabited for only 300 years or so. How many of us have known that this is the homeland of people who had been here for hundreds of generations before our European ancestors came? Robert Goodby, archeologist at Franklin Pierce University, will show us the real depth of Native history with a powerful visual presentation on **Thursday, April 9, at 7:00 pm**. The Mary Bartlett Library will allow us to use its excellent facility for this program. Save the date – all are welcome to attend and bring friends!

To learn more about the Historical Society or show your support by becoming a member, visit the website at www.brentwoodnhhistory.org or call Alma Vahey, President, at 679-8635.

Linda Rousseau for the Historical Society

Brentwood Recreation

**Office hours: Mon. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 am-3:30 pm
(603) 642-6400 ext. 20**

Unless otherwise specified, program sign-ups are available online or by contacting the Recreation Office.

THANK YOU to all our volunteer Basketball coaches for another great season. We had over 25 parents step up. We appreciate all your time and effort with the players.

COYOTE CLUB OUTDOOR WILDERNESS CLASS

**Spring Session - Mondays 3:15 pm-4:30 pm,
April 20- June 8**

Cost is \$65 Space is limited – Kids grade K-5.

Designed to introduce children to nature-based studies, native crafts and environmental stewardship, the program includes survival skills, wilderness awareness, navigation/mapping, animal signs and much more!

YOUTH BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL

Join us for **Field Clean-Up Day Saturday, April 11 at 9:00 am**. Please bring your rakes, wheelbarrows and gloves to get our fields ready for the season! All schedules will be available soon on our website. The regular season will start on or about **Saturday, May 2**. Team picture day will be Sunday, May 3.

WEST COAST SWING DANCE CLASSES

**Wednesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25/6:30pm-7:30pm
Session Cost: \$40/each, \$75/couple - Drop-ins are welcome at \$15/class. No partner necessary!**

Whether you're a beginner or amateur dancer, this dance will fit you. Instructor- Karen Graham.

Join us for a **West Coast Dance! Friday, March 6, 8:00 pm**. Come early at 7:00 pm and learn some of the dance patterns. \$10 at the door (\$15 for lesson and dance)

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE COURSE

**Saturday, April 25, 11:30 am- 3:30 pm
Brentwood Community Center**

Cost: \$10 (Space is limited. Call office to reserve a spot)

This 4 hour class includes elements of basic safety that can help a woman recognize possible danger before it escalates into physical attack. It will help you increase awareness, avoid dangerous situations and empower you with simple escape techniques.

YOGA CLASS

Tuesday Evenings 6:30-7:45pm

\$64/ eight weeks Drop-ins always welcome at \$10/class.

Upcoming session dates: **Session 2: March 24 – May 12 Session 3: May 19 – July 7**

Class offered for adults (kids 10+ are welcome). Class includes movement to help strengthen and stretch the body, improve balance, flexibility, and focus. No experience necessary. Offered by Alicia Rossman RND, RYT owner of Let's Get Movin'! www.letsgetmovin.com

YOGA MOVEMENT FOR SENIORS

Join us at the Brentwood Community Center Tuesday mornings for this **FREE** class. **1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 10:00 am, 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 9:00 am.**

This gentle movement class helps seniors improve range of motion, flexibility, and balance and will help relieve your aches and pains. No experience necessary.

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COMMUNITY CENTER AND PLAYING FIELD RENTAL

The Brentwood Community Center is available to rent for parties, receptions, meetings and more. Brentwood residents receive a discounted rental rates! See our website for a rental application or pick up an application at the Recreation office. For information regarding field rentals, please contact the recreation office.

Margaret Dullea for the Recreation Office

EGG HUNT & BUNNY BREAKFAST

**Saturday, April 4 – Egg Hunt 8:45 am
Breakfast 9:00-10:30 am**

The Egg Hunt is free to town residents.

Breakfast Cost: \$5 for adults and \$3 for kids.

The Easter Bunny will be there to visit with kids!!

■ Archery Class

Tuesdays May 5th - May 26th

■ Engineering with Lego® Camp

June 22 – 26

Pre Engineering for ages 5-7 and

Engineering Fundamentals for ages 8-11

■ NEW!! Girl Powered Engineering FUNDamentals using LEGO® - For Girls who love to build!

This course is for girls to apply real-world concepts in physics, engineering & architecture. They can explore their craziest ideas in an interactive environment. Dates TBA

■ Babysitter Training Course

Thursday, August 6, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

■ Soccer Skills Camp with Challenger Sports

August 17-21

Online registration has begun at www.challengersports.com

2015 Brentwood Town and School Meeting Moderator's Rules

The rules are procedures to guide both the Town Meeting and School District Meeting will be the same and are summarized below. The hope is that consistency will help all the meeting attendees understand the process and how to participate.

Doug Cowie, Brentwood School District Moderator
Richard Chamberlain, Brentwood Town Moderator

By state law the Moderator sets the rules of the meeting. (RSA 40:4)

We will be using the Moderator's rules – not Roberts rules or any other complex parliamentary rules. The goal is a fair, uncomplicated, focused, and understandable process.

As with all public meetings audio and/or video recording are specifically allowed.

To be discussed, the issue or article must be on the warrant, be moved, and seconded. To participate in the discussion you must be a registered voter in Brentwood, have checked in with the Checklist Supervisors, and have a voting card.

The Moderator will read each warrant article as it appears in the warrant and will ask the involved Board or petitioner for a motion and second to place it on the floor of the meeting for discussion, debate and/or amending.

The Moderator will then ask the appropriate Board and Budget Committee, or the petitioner, as appropriate to speak first to the article.

The article will then be open to the floor for your discussion, questions, comments, and/or amendments.

All amendments must be given to the Town or School District Clerk in writing. This insures that we have your amendment exactly as you intend. Negative motions will not be accepted.

Amendments to amendments being debated will not be allowed. If you wish to further amend an article you must do so after the prior amendment has been dealt with. TO

All discussion and questions will be to and through the Moderator. This includes eye contact. Passionate debate is welcomed and expected – however you are expected to be able to disagree without being disagreeable.

You are entitled to an answer to your questions, and one of the Moderator's tasks is to direct your question to someone who can answer it. However, there is no requirement that you like or agree with the answer.

To be recognized to speak, please go to the floor microphone. You are then recognized in that order.

Please state your name and address for the record (we may know you but the recorder probably does not) and contain your discussion to one question or statement.

Please contain your discussion and questions to the motion that is under discussion.

If you have more than one point or questions, please step back to allow others to speak. You may speak again after others have had their opportunity. To allow everyone the opportunity to speak I will ask that you keep it within a three minute limit for each time you are recognized.

Motions to close debate or move the question will only be accepted by the Moderator after everyone who wishes to speak has had at least one opportunity and must be made from the floor microphone.

Motions to table an article will only be accepted or recognized by the Moderator if the motion is made by the Article's sponsor.

If you have a question of the Moderator regarding the rules of conduct of the meeting or if you disagree procedurally you absolutely may ask at any time (Point of Order). This does not require you to go to the floor microphone but you must state your name and your question or issue.

You may also by law move to overrule the Moderator if you feel that the Moderator's ruling is clearly erroneous, requires a second and a majority vote (RSA 40:4).

RECONSIDERATION OR RESTRICTING RECONSIDERATION: You may vote after each article to restrict reconsideration of the vote or votes taken. This protects the action taken from being undone or changed later in the meeting, and this vote may not be reconsidered at this meeting (RSA 40:1).

Opening in 2016, Inviting Families from Brentwood

Exeter Swim & Racquet Club is designed as a private club combining swim, tennis, and social amenities in a casual atmosphere. The club will provide a community environment for families, couples, and individuals to enjoy year-round recreational activities, casual dining, and more. It will sit on a 21-acre wooded property adjacent to the Little River Conservation Area in Exeter, NH. Its mission is to foster strong ties and lifelong friendships in a relaxed, yet upscale setting appropriate for members of all ages. Complemented by a fitness center and a welcoming clubhouse, the club will fulfill the needs of many families searching for a private feel without the expense of traditional country clubs.

"Exeter Swim and Racquet Club is a wonderful and welcome addition to the Exeter area and will certainly contribute to the vibrancy of our community," says Darren Winham, Economic Development Director for the Town of Exeter.

Exeter SRC will offer a 6-8 lane, 25-yard heated swimming pool with an additional children's pool/splash pad area, for family recreation, lap swim, and lessons. During the cold weather months, a bubble structure will be placed over the pool area making it accessible for year-round use. The club will also feature 3 hard-surface tennis courts with space for future platform tennis and 2 more tennis courts. Surrounding these highlights will be comfortable outdoor seating areas with green space for games and events, as well as wooded trails for running, snowshoeing, and exploring.

Club founders Laurie Smith and Katie Morgan state, "As mothers, we are working to create an atmosphere at Exeter SRC where kids, teens, and adults want to go to spend time



19 Continental Drive, Exeter, NH
www.exetersrc.com

Founders:

Katie Morgan, Jonathan Morgan
Ian Smith, Laurie Smith
info@exetersrc.com

with friends and family. As health professionals, we feel having a place that is fun and safe for families to be active together, whether swimming at the pool or snowshoeing on the winter trails, is important for building a healthy community."

The interior of the club will boast a 1400-square foot fitness room with adjacent locker rooms and showers. A supervised children's room will also be available, to provide members an opportunity to work out or enjoy a relaxed meal. Adding to the social atmosphere will be the Exeter SRC bar & grill which will provide casual indoor/outdoor dining as well as to-go ordering for poolside enjoyment and convenience.

Michael Schidlovsky, President of the Exeter Area Chamber of Commerce, said, "The Exeter Swim and Racquet Club will be a great addition to the health, wellness and recreation options that area residents will have. The investment by the founding developers and the jobs and economic activity generated will be a welcome addition to the Exeter business community, especially in Exeter's Epping Road corridor, which the Town of Exeter has targeted for development."

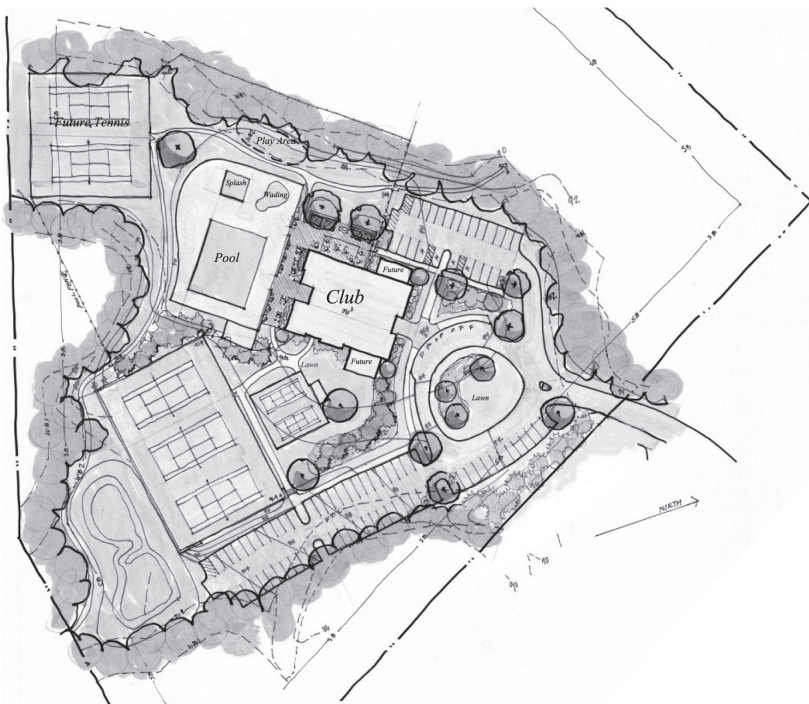
Laurie Smith said, "I am excited to see Exeter SRC make the progress it has this past year and optimistic that the community is ready to join us as we make the club a reality."

Members will be able to sign up for a variety of programs including swim/tennis lessons, tennis leagues, and personal and small-group fitness training. To promote a welcoming community environment for members, it will offer many different member events including holiday parties, movies by the pool, date nights, moms' mornings out, bocce/ croquet/ badminton/corn hole tournaments, and other workshops and social gatherings.

Exeter Swim & Racquet Club is in the process of raising capital for the project. The club is offering pre-opening Founding Memberships, Charter Memberships, and attractive private investment opportunities at this time.

For membership information, please contact info@exetersrc.com.

For investment inquiries, please contact Jonathan Morgan at jonathan@exetersrc.com.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 5 Cemetery Trustees – 5:00 pm, Town Office Building
Planning Board meeting – 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
- March 6 **Brentwood School District Meeting - 6:00 pm, Swasey School**
- March 9 Absentee ballots must be returned to Town Clerk's Office by 5:00 pm
- March 10 **Election Day - Polls open 8:00 am-7:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center**
Selectmen's meeting – 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Brentwood Gardeners - 7:00 pm, Fellowship Room, Pilgrim Congregational Church
- March 11 **Wed. @ One Cinema**, Bartlett Library
Friends of the Library - 12:30 am, Bartlett Library
- March 14 **Town Meeting - 9:00 am, Swasey School**
- March 16 Library Trustees - 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- March 17 Selectmen's meeting - 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Swasey Parent Faculty Group - 6:30 pm, Swasey School Library
Exeter Region Coop. School Board Mtg - 7:00 pm, Roy Morrisette Alumni Room, Exeter High School
- March 18 Conservation Commission - 7:00 pm, Town Office Building
Wed. @ One Cinema, Bartlett Library
- March 19 Planning Board - 7:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Ladies Movie Night - 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library, "St. Vincent"
- March 20 **Community Forum** - 7:00-8:30 pm at Pilgrim United Church, 197 Middle Road
- March 24 Selectmen's meeting - 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
Recreation Commission - 6:30 pm, Sanborn Room, Town Office Building
- March 25 Brentwood Seniors - 11:00 am, Community Center
Wed. @ One Cinema, Bartlett Library
- March 26 **The Other Side of the Midnight Ride: A Visit with Rachel Revere**,
presented by Actress Joan Gattorna - 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- March 27 *"Penguins of Madagascar"* - 6:30 pm, Bartlett Library
- March 31 Selectmen's meeting - 6:00 pm, Cross Room, Town Office Building
- April 2 **Poetry Slam** - 7:00 pm, Bartlett Library
- April 4 **Egg Hunt - 8:45 am & Bunny Breakfast** - 9:00-10:30 am, Brentwood Community Center
Stephen Arkell Community 5K Run - 12:00 pm, Brentwood Community Center
- April 6 Swasey School Board Meeting - 6:00 pm, Swasey School Library
Trails Committee - 7:00 pm, Town Office Building

~ The public is welcome at all above events ~

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